

## BURNED AT THE STAKE FOR A FIENDISH CRIME.

John Porter, Who Brutally Murdered Little Louise Frost, Bound to an Iron Rail and Roasted to Death by Citizens of Limon, Colorado.

### DEAD CHILD'S FATHER APPLIED THE MATCH

LIMON, Colo., Nov. 16.—The Union Pacific train on which John Porter, who yesterday confessed to the brutal murder of eleven-year-old Louise Frost, was brought from Denver, arrived here at 3:30 p. m., and was stopped. The train was boarded by the vigilance committee, which was organized here last night. Sheriff Freeman urged the committee to allow him to take his prisoner to the jail at Hugo. They refused, and took charge of Porter. The vigilance committee consisted of sixteen determined men. There was no excitement and everything was done with the utmost precision. Robert W. Frost, father of the girl whom Porter confessed to murdering, demanded that the boy be burned at the stake. The vigilance committee at first protested, but finally consented to do as Frost desired. Railroad ties, to be used as fuel, were brought in wagons to the spot where the murder was committed and a funeral pyre was hastily built. The crowd that gathered to witness the execution unanimously decided that burning should be his fate. The colored boy stood nearby, trembling with fear, and holding a Bible in his hand. Frost started the fire. The negro lad showed great fortitude until the flames began to scorch his flesh. He then screamed piteously for a few minutes, but death came quickly to his relief.

LIMON, Colo., Nov. 16.—Chained to a railroad rail set firmly in the ground on the exact spot where his fiendish crime was committed, Preston Porter, Jr., or as he was familiarly known, John Porter, this evening paid a terrible penalty for his deed. It was 6:23 o'clock when the father of the murdered girl touched the match to the fuel which had been piled around the negro and twenty minutes later a last convulsive shudder told that life was extinct. What agony the doomed boy suffered while the flames shriveled up his flesh could only be guessed from the terrible contortions of his face and the cries he gave from time to time. The executioners, who numbered about 300 citizens of Lincoln county, had not the semblance of the ordinary mob. Their every act was deliberate and during the preparations as well as throughout the sufferings of the negro, hardly an unnecessary word was spoken. Grimly they stood in a circle about the fire until the body was entirely consumed and then quietly they took their way back to Limon, from whence they departed for their homes shortly afterwards. Preston Porter did not seem to realize the awful punishment that he was destined to undergo. As he had exhibited indifference to the enormity of his crime, so he seemed to lack all understanding of its terrible consequences. For more than an hour, while preparations for his execution were in progress, he stood mute and sullen among the avengers. When everything was ready he walked to the stake with a firm step, pausing as he reached the circle of broken boards, to kneel in prayer. He was allowed to take his time. He arose and placed his back to the iron stake and half a dozen men wound chains about his body and limbs. Kerosene oil was applied to the wood and after a brief pause, Richard W. Frost, the father of little Louise Frost, whose cruelly mutilated body was found one week ago on that very spot, applied a match. For a moment but a little flickering flame arose. Then the little blazed up, sparks flew into the air and the wood began to crackle. Almost instantly the negro's trousers caught fire. Even though the flesh must have been scorched, he did not utter a sound.

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In terrible screams these words, the first he had uttered alone, came from the negro. A terrible tugging at the chains, a succession of the awful groans and screams, the negro's agony was at last breaking down his sullen composure. Not an oath escaped him, but he begged and pleaded to be shot. Suddenly, the rope holding his hands, burst through. Then arms, head and shoulders slipped through the chains. For an instant the body stood erect, the arms were raised in supplication while burning pieces of clothing dropped from them. The body then fell away from

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### M'KINLEY STANDS BY THE SOUTH.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—The opinion is growing among public men who are in the confidence of the President, that he will oppose any movement looking to a reduction of the congressional representation of the southern states on account of charges of the disfranchisement of colored voters. The President is said to be opposed to reviving ill-feeling, which he thinks, would be the result of a bill thus touching the south's suffrage. On account of the President's attitude, there is a growing opinion that legislation looking to the reduction of the southern representation will not be pressed by party leaders in Congress.

### HEAD END COLLISION

Between a Pennsylvania Freight and Lake Shore Passenger Train—Several Killed—Number Badly Hurt.

OIL CITY, Pa., Nov. 16.—A head end collision between a Pennsylvania extra freight train and the regular Lake Shore passenger train, occurred two miles west of Oil City shortly before 8 o'clock. Both engines were demolished, all of the passenger coaches left the track and forty oil and coal cars of the freight were derailed. The wreckage destroyed all telegraph communication. The killed were: Thomas Sutton, baggage man, of Ash-tabula. John Kane, head brakeman of the freight train, aged 32, resident of New Castle. Engineer Pitzer, of the freight, aged 40, resident of New Castle. Two male passengers and the news-boy, names unknown, are supposed to be dead beneath the wreckage. Conductor James Paden, of this city, is hurt internally. Engineer Nathan Senter has both legs and left hip broken and William Marvin, of Andover, Ohio, has left arm broken and head and face cut. The latter was thrown off the train over a thirty foot embankment, but walked two miles to the institute for feeble minded at Oil City, and sent Superintendent Murdoch and Dr. McDowell to the wreck and relief of the injured.

### CRASHED INTO A FREIGHT.

Engineer and Fireman of Cumberland Valley Passenger Train Killed.

CARLISLE, Pa., Nov. 16.—Cumberland Valley passenger train No. 8, which left here for Harrisburg at 6 o'clock this evening, crashed into the rear of a local freight train near Chambersburg. William C. Shover and Charles W. Hawbecker, the engineer and fireman, respectively, of the passenger train, were killed. The former was scalded to death and the latter buried under the engine, which fell on its side when it struck the freight. Both men were married and lived in Chambersburg.

### PRICES ADVANCE

On All Commodities—Small Stocks Carried—Labor Scarce—Great Activity in Iron and Steel.

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade will say to-morrow: Prices of commodities advance almost without exception and all the changes in manufactured goods are in the direction of firmer quotations. The smallness of stocks of goods carried is a feature of our reports from most of the leading centers. Scarcity of labor gives manufacturers in the middle states great concern.

Activity at iron and steel mills steadily increases and there is an equally uniform advance in quotations. The gain has been more general this week than at any previous time this season, pig iron moving up twenty-five cents a ton, and corresponding gains appearing in all related materials and structural materials. Orders come forward in the best volume since last spring, when there was severe inflation of prices and requests for quick delivery are general. The price of pig iron, production on November 1, by the Iron Age, shows a weekly capacity of only 215,340 tons, the smallest since September, 1898, but the reduction of 29,000 tons from October 1 in furnace stocks is most encouraging. These figures, with the activity in all branches of the industry, indicate that there will be no further reduction in price. The December statement will probably show more than 200 furnaces in blast.

### Hides Remain Firm.

Packer hides at Chicago have ceased to advance, but remain firm at top figures, and country hides made further gains. Tanners are not buying eagerly and offerings are also moderate. Leather quotations are only slightly advanced. Prices of hides are steady at former figures. The belting butts have advanced sharply. Boot and shoe manufacturers are still unable to secure any advance in quotations, although they are attempting to do so. Local jobbers are well supplied, but more seasonable weather has stimulated retail trade. Textile industries are rather quiet, although heavy weight goods move more freely with the lower temperature. Woolen manufacturers are not seeking raw material in great quantity and wool is not changed in price. Sales at the chief eastern markets have again increased, while western consignors still insist that commission men shall not accept lower bids.

### LIFE IMPRISONMENT

In the Sentence Imposed Upon Prince Tuan and Prince Chwang.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 16.—Minister Wu has received from Director General Sheng the following cablegram, which he communicated to Secretary Hay to-day: "An imperial decree of November 13, declares Prince Tuan and Prince Chwang of their ranks and offices and orders them to be imprisoned for life."

### Murderer Smiled at His Sentence.

CAMDEN, N. J., Nov. 16.—Robert F. Hill, who was convicted recently of the murder of his wife, Edith May Hill, was sentenced by supreme court justice Garrison to-day to be hanged on Wednesday, January 16, next. The prisoner smiled as he entered the court room and smiled as he bowed to the court, after being sentenced.

### Census Clerks to be Dismissed.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 16.—About 400 clerks in the census bureau will be dismissed between now and December 1, owing to the diminishing of the work. This will leave a force of about 3,000 at that time and the number will be materially reduced at intervals.

### Inventor Royce Dropped Dead.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 16.—Frederick W. Royce, widely known as an inventor, electrified and veteran telegraph operator, dropped dead from apoplexy here to-day.

## GERMAN KING ATTACKED BY AN INSANE WOMAN.

Threw a Hand-Chopper at the Kaiser as He Was Driving in an Open Carriage to the Barracks.

### MISSILE MISSES THE MARK.

Crowd Violently Resented the Attack, But Was Restrained by the Police—Emperor Was Cheered.

BRESLAU, Nov. 16.—Emperor William was the object of an attempted outrage to-day, which, however, failed. As he was driving in an open carriage to the Cuirassiers barracks, accompanied by the hereditary prince of Saxe-Meiningen, a woman in the crowd hurled an axe at the carriage. The rapidly with which the vehicle was passing saved its occupants. The axe, or hatchet, fell just behind the carriage. The woman was immediately arrested. The missile, it developed later, was a short hand-chopper. Hatchet struck the carriage. The woman's name is Selma Schnapke. She occupied a place in the front rank of the spectators, on the side fur-

thest from the emperor. The hatchet, it now appears, struck the carriage. A crowd of people who witnessed the outrage threw themselves on his majesty's assailant, but the prompt interference of the police saved the woman from injury.

The assailant is a tradeswoman of Breslau. A provisional medical examination of the prisoner has been made and she has been pronounced to be insane.

While Emperor William was returning from the barracks to the railroad station, he was cheered by immense crowds of people who were gathered along the route.

Emperor Turned Pale. BERLIN, Nov. 16.—Schnapke, who attacked Emperor William, stoutly resisted arrest.

Contrary to the first reports, it is now said that she was born in Upper Silesia, but has been living in Breslau, where she has kept a small shop.

According to most reports Emperor William did not notice the incident, but the Breslau Schlesische Morgen Zeitung says he saw what had happened and turned very pale, but continued to greet the bystanders pleasantly.

### Stock Farmer Suicides.

NORRISTOWN, Pa., Nov. 16.—James E. Kitson, aged thirty-nine years, formerly one of the proprietors of the Kitson stock farm near Chestnut Hill, Pa., committed suicide to-day by shooting himself with a Winchester rifle. Ill-health is believed to have prompted him to take his life.

### Octogenarian Perished in Flames.

DUNKIRK, N. Y., Nov. 16.—Mrs. Elizabeth Wilbur, aged eighty-three years, perished in the flames which destroyed her home, three miles west of this city, early to-day. She lived alone.

## CRUSADE AGAINST VICE STARTS IN NEW YORK.

Bishop Potter Writes an Open Letter to Mayor Van Wyck Asking That the People Be Protected from Existing Immorality.

### MINISTERS INSULTED BY POLICE.

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—Bishop Henry C. Potter, bishop of the Episcopal diocese of New York, to-day sent a letter to Mayor Van Wyck, in reference to vice in this city and especially on the East Side. This letter is the one promised some weeks ago when the bishop publicly announced that one of his rec-tors had been grossly insulted by the commanding officials of a certain police station and that he proposed to take up the matter in a manner which the heads of the police force should feel.

The public has been awaiting with interest the bishop's first move and in connection with Tammany Hall's announcement that it proposed to look into vice to-day, the bishop's letter received to-day by the mayor is bound to form the principal subject of discussion in public places as well as in private homes for some time to come.

Bishop Potter in his letter to Mayor Van Wyck first calls attention to the work that is being done at the pro-Cathedral, 130 Stanton street, in endeavoring to improve the condition of the poor of the East Side tenement district, in which it is located and says it has been recognized as an important factor in promoting the virtue and good order of the community in which it ministers.

### Claim on Sympathy.

"In view of these facts it would seem that it has a valid claim upon the sympathy, co-operation and at least courteous consideration of those who officially represent the city government and the guardianship of decency and good morals. I urge here no other claim for it. The personal element, so far as he or I am concerned, is of the very smallest consequence. But the thing that is of consequence, sir, is that when a minister of religion and a resident in a particular neighborhood, whose calling and character, experience and truthfulness are all alike widely and abundantly recognized, goes to the headquarters of the police in his district to appeal to them for the protection of the young, the innocent and the defenseless against the depredations of the lowest and most infamous dens of vice, he is met not only with contempt and derision, but with the coarsest contumely and obloquy."

Bishop Potter then goes on to tell how that two clergymen called at the police station of the precinct to complain of the notorious condition of affairs, one of them was told by the police captain that he lied; and that when, disheartened by such an experience, the clergyman carried his complaint to a higher authority than the police, he was met with insolent derision.

### Vice in City Inevitable.

The bishop went on to say: "I am not, I beg to say, unmindful of the fact that the existence of vice in a large city, is, practically, an inevitable condition of the life of such a community. But I approach you, sir, to protest with all my power against a condition of things in which vice is not only tolerated but shielded and encouraged by those whose sworn duty it is to repress and discourage it, and, in the name of unguilted youth and innocence, of young girls and their mothers who, though living under conditions often of privation and the hard struggle for a livelihood, have in them every instinct of virtue and purity that are the ornaments of any so-called gentleman in the land; and before God and in the face of the citizens of New York, I protest as my people have charged me to do, against the habitual insult, the persist-

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Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. CHARLESTON, W. Va., Nov. 16.—In casting the political horoscope of West Virginia, there appears upon the horizon a multitude of "Darkies" who are "willing" to be public servants for four years, more or less.

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## FIVE PERSONS INJURED AT MOUNDSVILLE.

Early This Morning—A Fireman Falls From the Roof of a Burning Building.

### FOUR PERSONS HAD TO JUMP

For Their Lives From the Second-Story Windows—A Baby Thrown to the Ground.

Moundsville had a destructive fire at 12:30 o'clock this morning, and which was not entirely subdued at 2 a. m. Fire originated in the L. B. Purdy building, on Jefferson avenue, between Second and Third streets, on the ground floor in the room occupied by Beeler Manning as a barber shop. The cause is said to have been an overheated stove.

When the fire was discovered by passers-by it had a big start, and the family of Richard Knox, who lived on the second floor, found their escape cut off by the flames. All of the family sought escape by jumping from the window to the pavement, a distance of fifteen feet. Mr. Knox escaped practically uninjured, but Mrs. Knox had a badly sprained ankle. Beeler Manning, a barber shop, which was seriously injured. The servant girl in jumping fell on her face and sustained a crushed and broken nose, besides other injuries.

### A Fireman Injured.

To add to the horror of the affair, one of the firemen, Samuel Tomlinson, fell from the roof of the burning house, alighting on his head and suffering serious injury. Dr. Sturges, who was called, stated early this morning that Tomlinson would probably recover.

The building, which was also occupied by Natus's bakery, was almost entirely destroyed. The fire spread to an adjoining building owned and occupied by David Levi, who conducts a general store, but through the efforts of the firemen the damage was extinguished before it did great damage there. The crowd building also caught fire, but escaped with only slight injury. The volunteer firemen covered themselves with glory, as usual, and would have done even better work if the water pressure had not, unfortunately, been light.

### The Loss \$5,200.

Mr. J. A. Ewing stated to the Intelligencer this morning that the loss would aggregate about \$5,000, said to be divided as follows:

David B. Purdy building.....\$3,000  
David Levi, building and stock 500  
Beeler Manning, barber shop 200  
Richard Knox, household goods 500  
William Nuzum, bakery.....1,000

Total.....\$5,200

Mr. Purdy's loss is said to be covered by insurance, also Mr. Levi's. At 2:40 this morning, it was learned from Moundsville that the fire had been extinguished.

### Sheppard Found Guilty.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE INTELLIGENCER. PARKERSBURG, W. Va., Nov. 16.—The jury in the case of Sam Sheppard, on trial at Elizabeth, W. Va., for the murder of his wife, in August, returned a verdict of murder in the first degree at 8:30 this evening. They were out about five hours. The prisoner displayed but little emotion at the time, but has since been visibly weakening and seems on the verge of collapse. A motion for a new trial will be argued to-morrow.

### The Mingo Difficulty.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE INTELLIGENCER. STEUBENVILLE, Ohio, Nov. 16.—The National Steel Company is making preparations to break the strike at its Mingo Junction plant, and is fitting up a building inside of the enclosure, in which to feed and house the men. Committee of the Amalgamated Association are watching all trains for newcomers. It is understood that the strikers will be smuggled into the plant Sunday. The state board of arbitration will be invited to take a hand in settling the dispute.

### Miller's Law Partner Beaten.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE INTELLIGENCER. HINTON, W. Va., Nov. 16.—The recount of the Summers county vote, which has been in progress here since Monday, between T. N. Read, J. H. Miller's law partner, and Frank Lively, candidates for prosecuting attorney, was completed to-day, resulting in a victory for the Republican by declaring Mr. Lively elected by a majority of sixteen. This is the only Republican county officer elected in Summers county.

### Producer and Gasser.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE INTELLIGENCER. WESTON, W. Va., Nov. 16.—The James Mullady wool No. 1, in the Sand Fork field, came in this evening a big gasser. The Waggoner No. 3, in the Fink field, which came in yesterday on territory under lease by Weston people is keeping up its record of six hundred barrels daily. This is four miles from the Doddridge county line.

### Weather Forecast for To-Day.

For Ohio—Fair in northern, rain in southern portion Saturday; Sunday probably rain or snow; fresh south to east wind.

For Western Pennsylvania—Generally fair and warmer Saturday; Sunday increasing cloudiness and probably rain; light to fresh southeasterly wind.

For West Virginia—Warmer Saturday; probably rain or snow in northwest half; Sunday fair; southeasterly wind.

### Local Temperature.

The temperature yesterday as observed by C. Schaefer, druggist, corner Market and Fourteenth streets, was as follows:

7 a. m.....19° F. m.....23° F.  
9 a. m.....19° F. m.....23° F.  
12 m.....21° F. m.....23° F.

Weather—Fair.

## GRIGGS WILL RETIRE FROM CABINET.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—At the cabinet meeting to-day Attorney General Griggs made the formal announcement that on the fourth of March, next, he would retire from the cabinet. Mr. Griggs will leave the President's official family for purely business reasons.